

MARVEL

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PLUS:
CAP + CYCLOPS

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Q: Hi...Can you tell me what's in my hands right now?

A: Can you not see?! You hold in your hands NOT THE FIRST, but THE VERY LAST ISSUE of A+X. Unlike a CANCELLATION, this book has come to its NATURAL END!

Q: Why are you yelling?

A: I'M NOT YELLING! We just decided a book COULD NOT POSSIBLY GET ANY BETTER than this one has been for the last EIGHTEEN ISSUES, so we're CALLING IT A DAY! But not without TWO FINAL TALES of ONE AVENGER and ONE X-MAN teaming up!

Q: I am pretty sure you're yelling.

A: Did you hear about the time KITTY PRYDE and THE VISION teamed up for an INCREDIBLE adventure of INTANGIBILITY?! How about the time CAPTAIN AMERICA and CYCLOPS teamed up with a mob of SKRULLS to defeat DOCTOR DOOM?! Because YOU'RE ABOUT TO!

Q: This reads like something an intern would write...

A: Maybe an intern DID write it, but WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT? Aren't we all just interns for this GREAT COMPANY we call LIFE?!

Q: I mean....I guess that makes--

A: TURN THE PAGE AND BUCKLE UP, MY FRIEND, for we have two FINAL ADVENTURES to tell tale of!



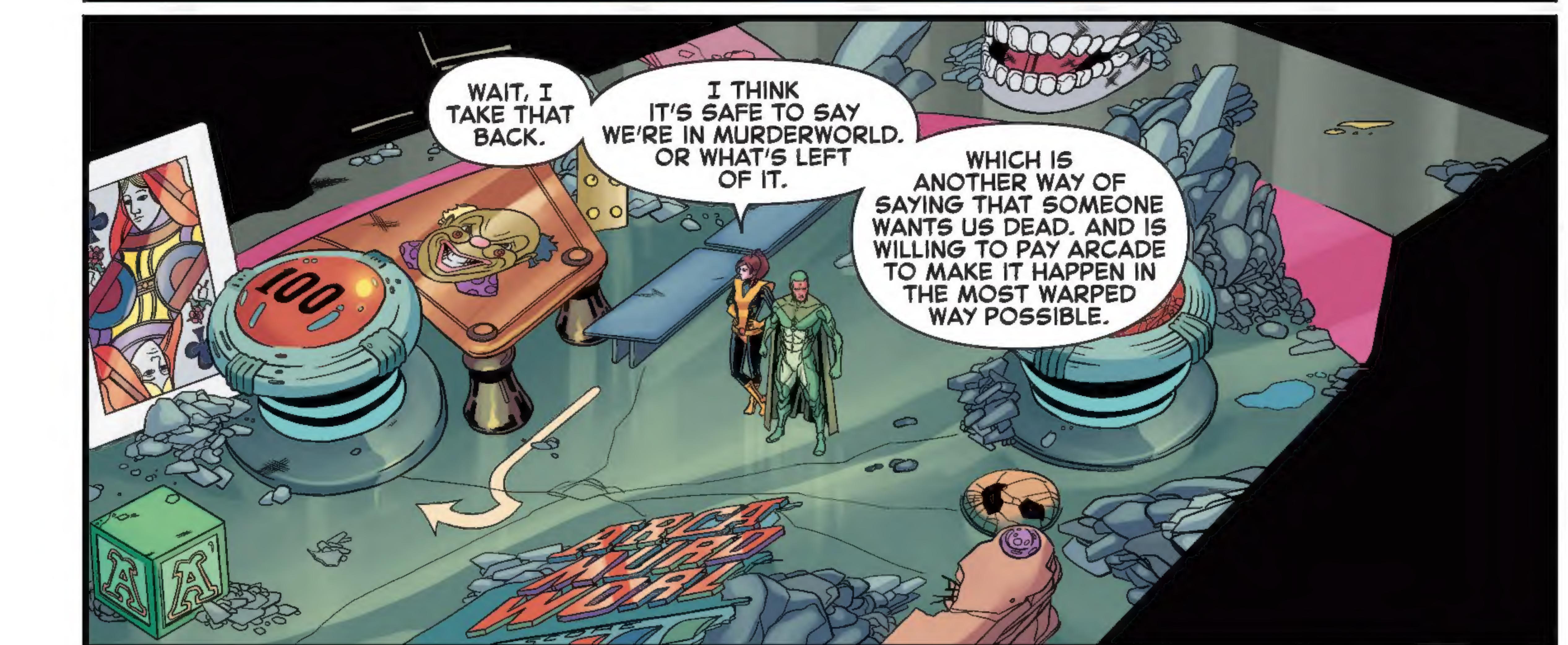
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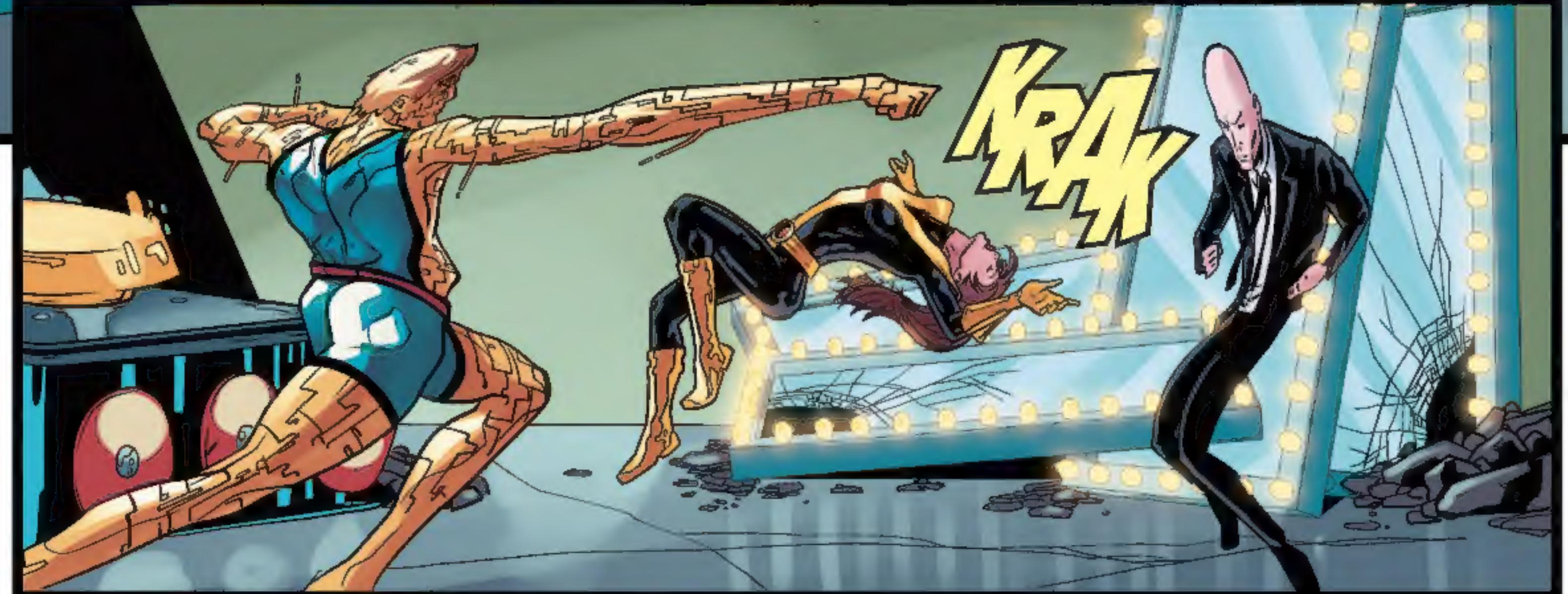
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IT APPEARS THAT I TOO AM INCAPABLE OF BECOMING INTANGIBLE. MUCH TO THE REGRET OF THESE AUTOMATONS.

I AM DOWNLOADING EVERYTHING I KNOW OF THE ASSASSIN ARCADE AND THIS MURDERWORLD.



THESE WARPED ROBOTS ARE USUALLY MANIPULATED VERSIONS OF THE VICTIM THAT PASSES BEFORE THE MIRRORS. NOT THEIR FRIENDS AND ENEMIES.

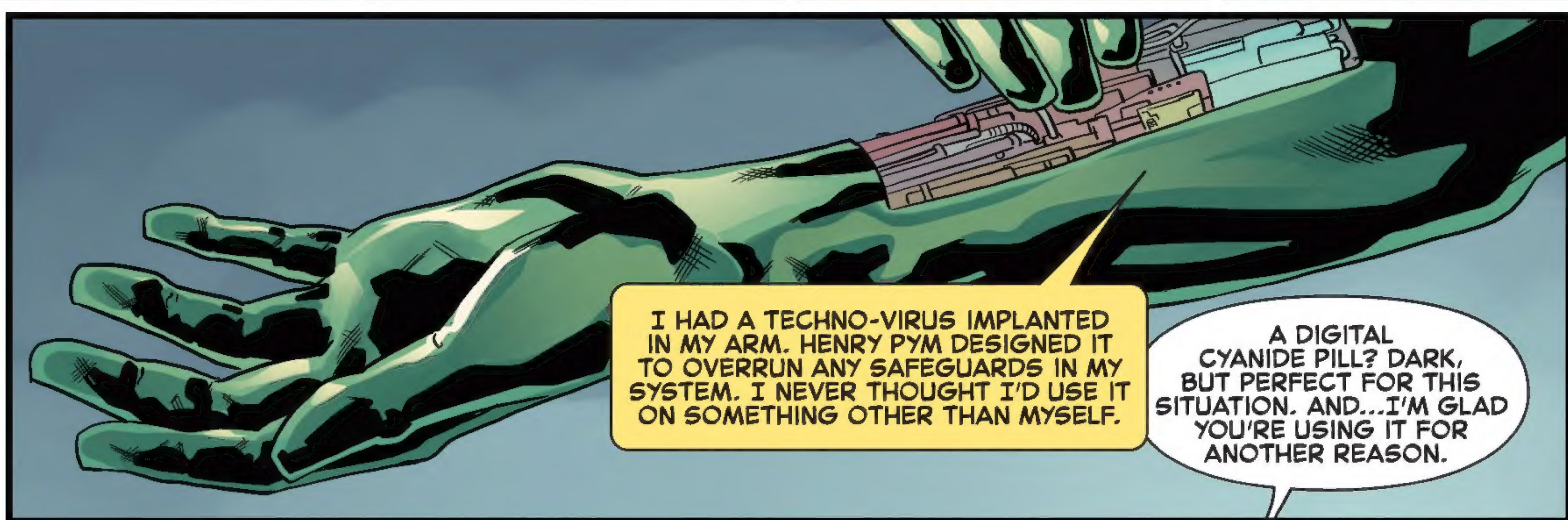
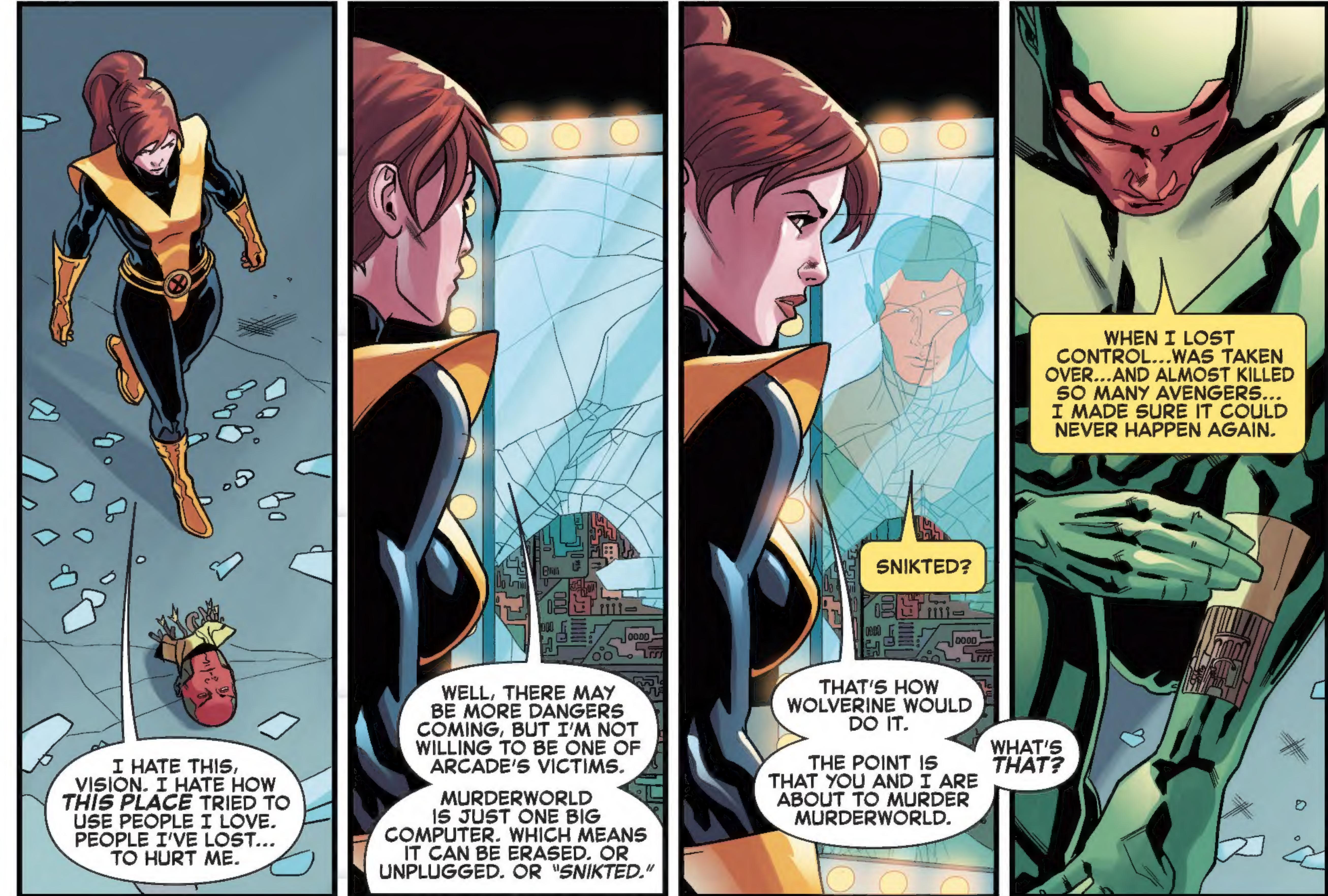
IT SEEMS ARCADE HAS DONE HIS HOMEWORK ON YOU, KITTY PRYDE.



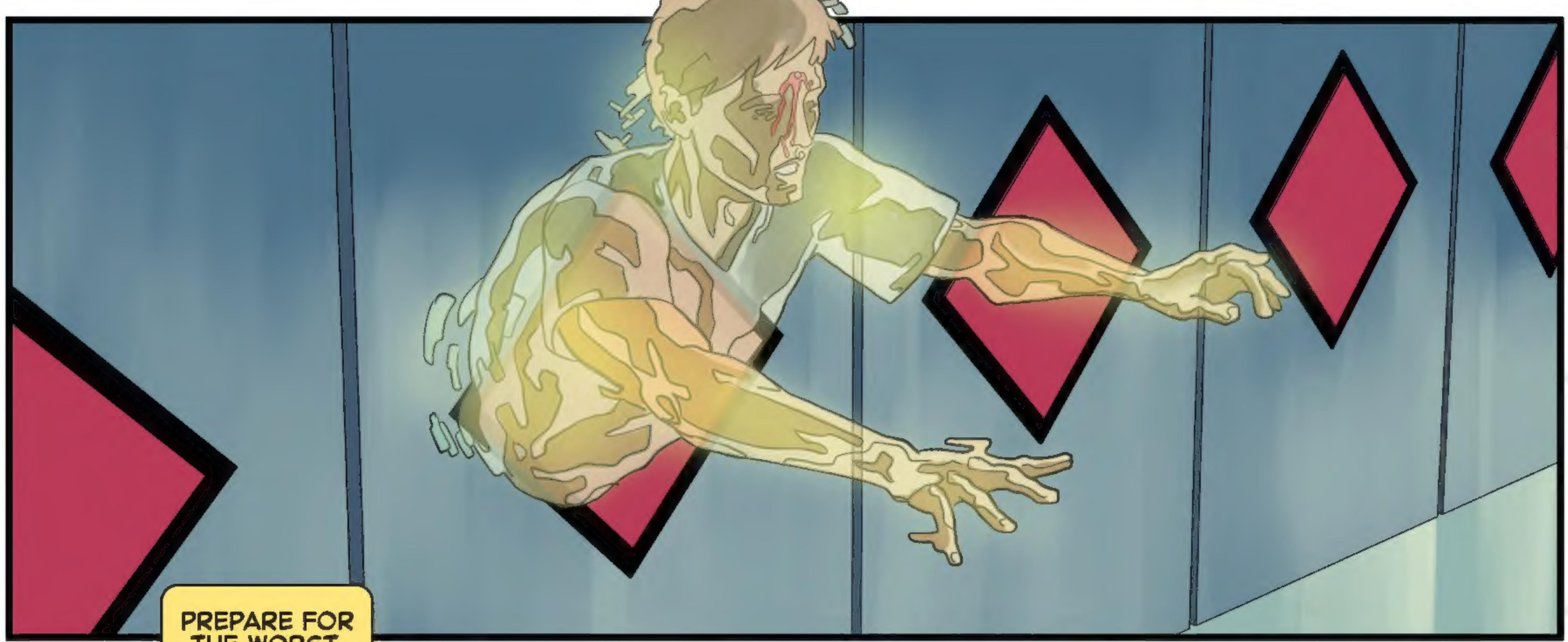
NOT
JUST ON ME.
LOOK.



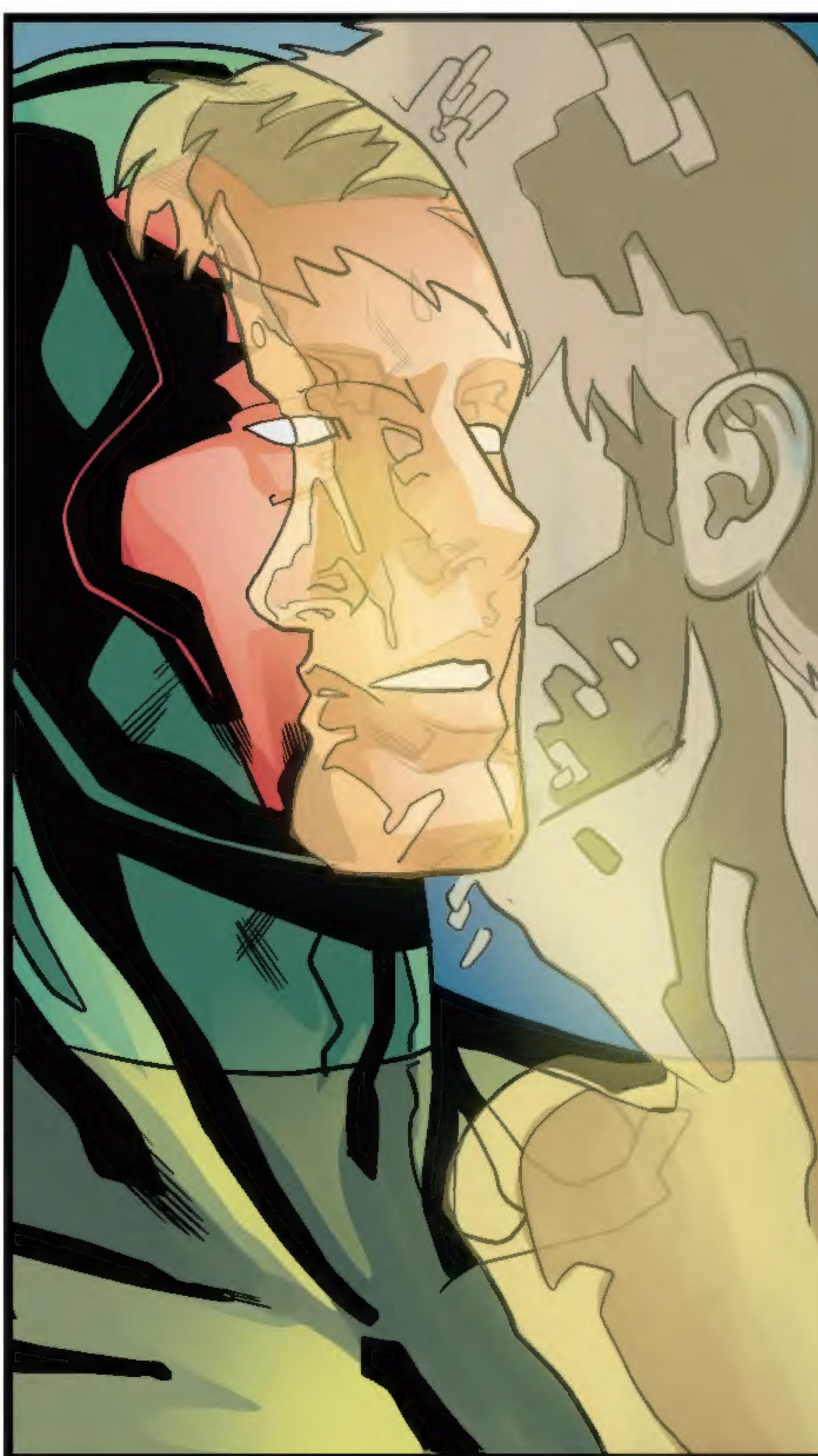






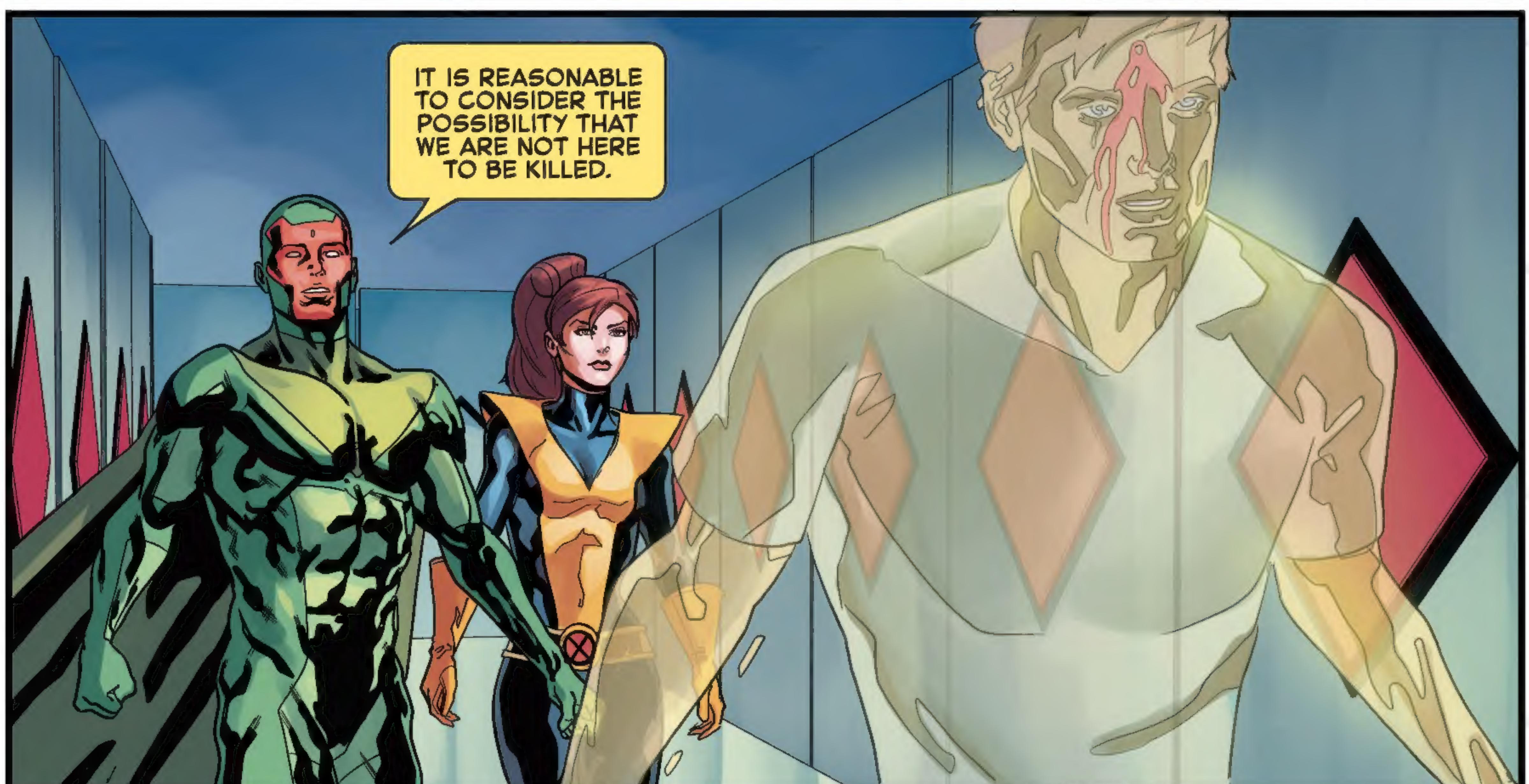


PREPARE FOR
THE WORST,
KITTY.

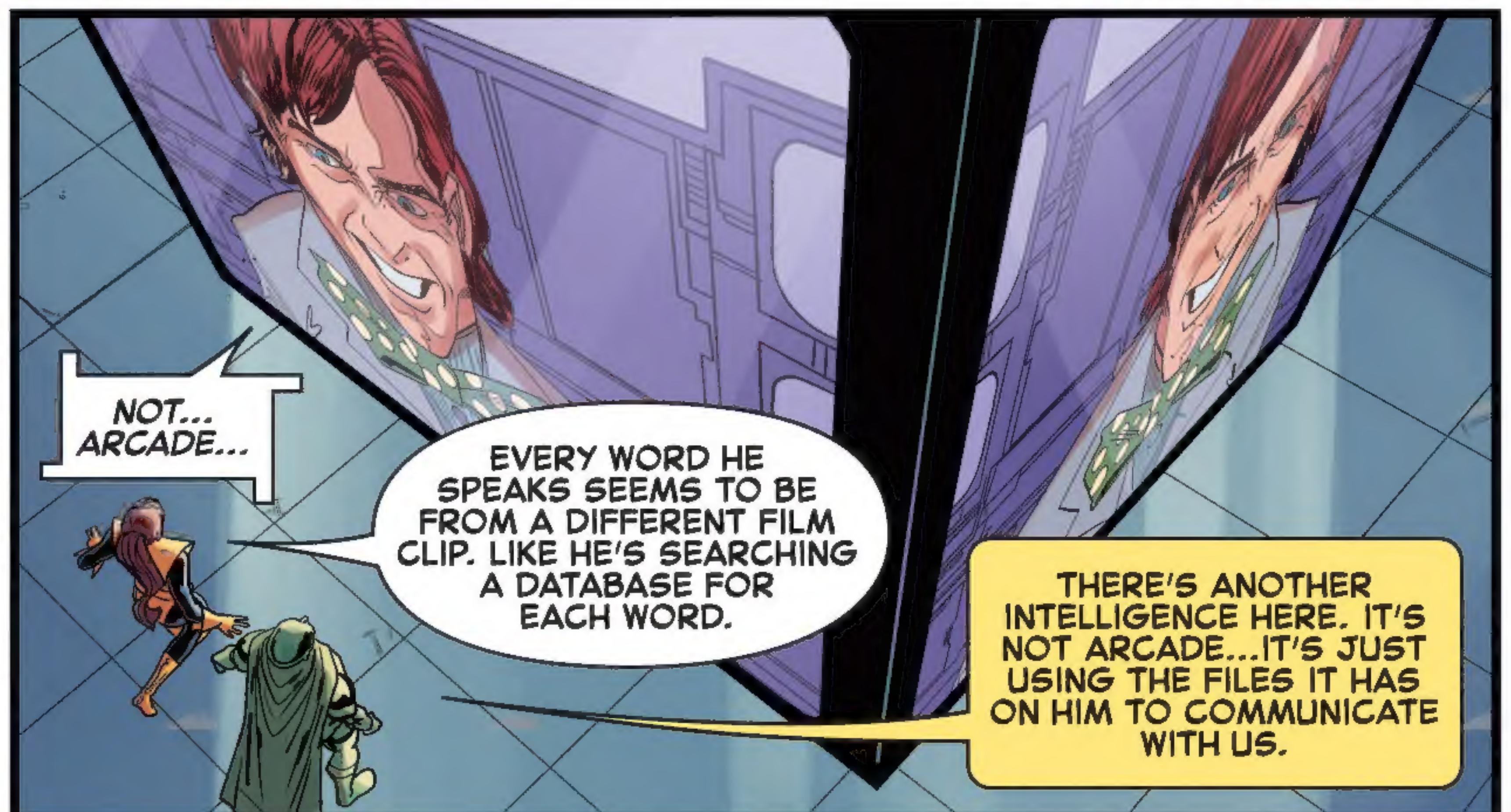


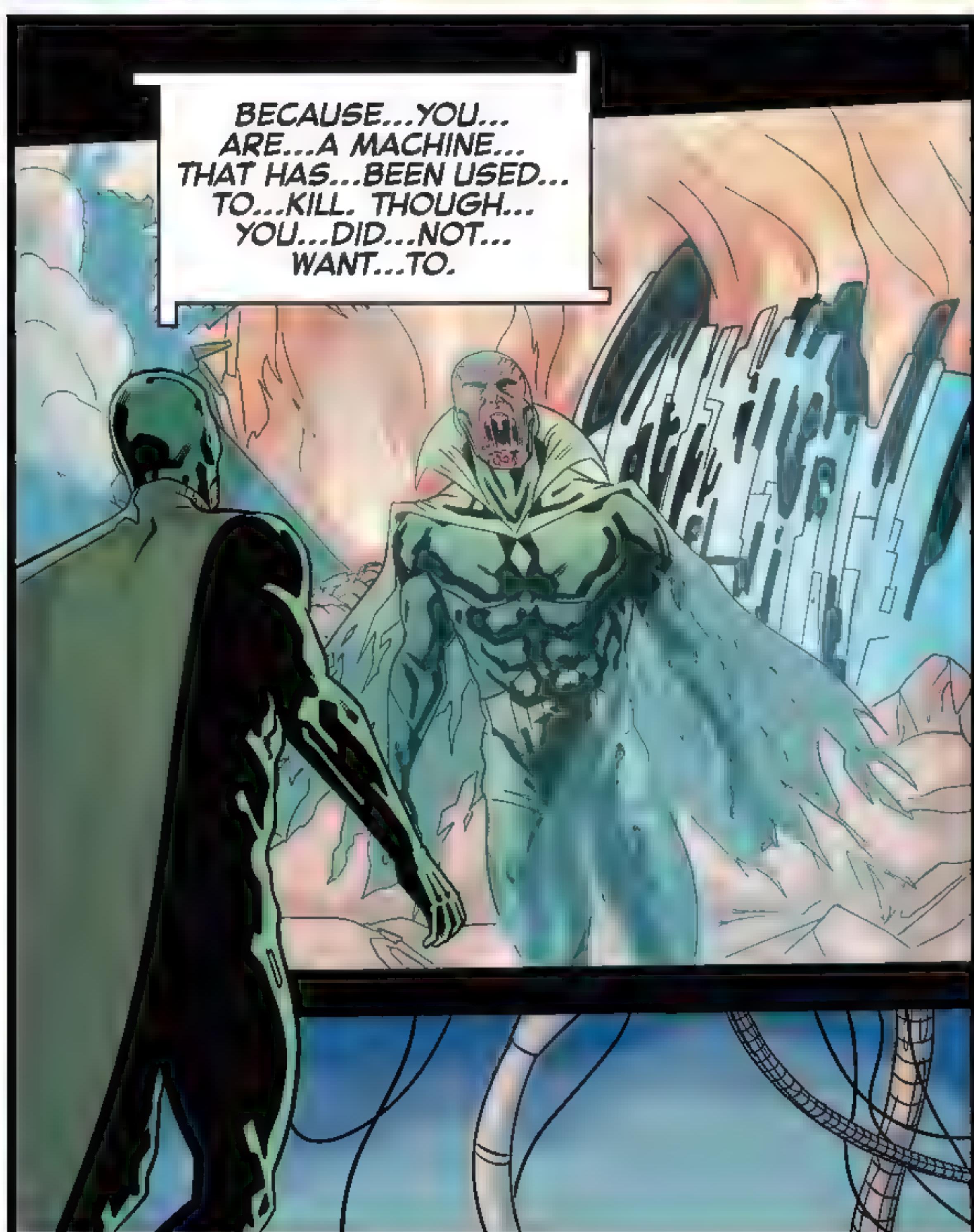
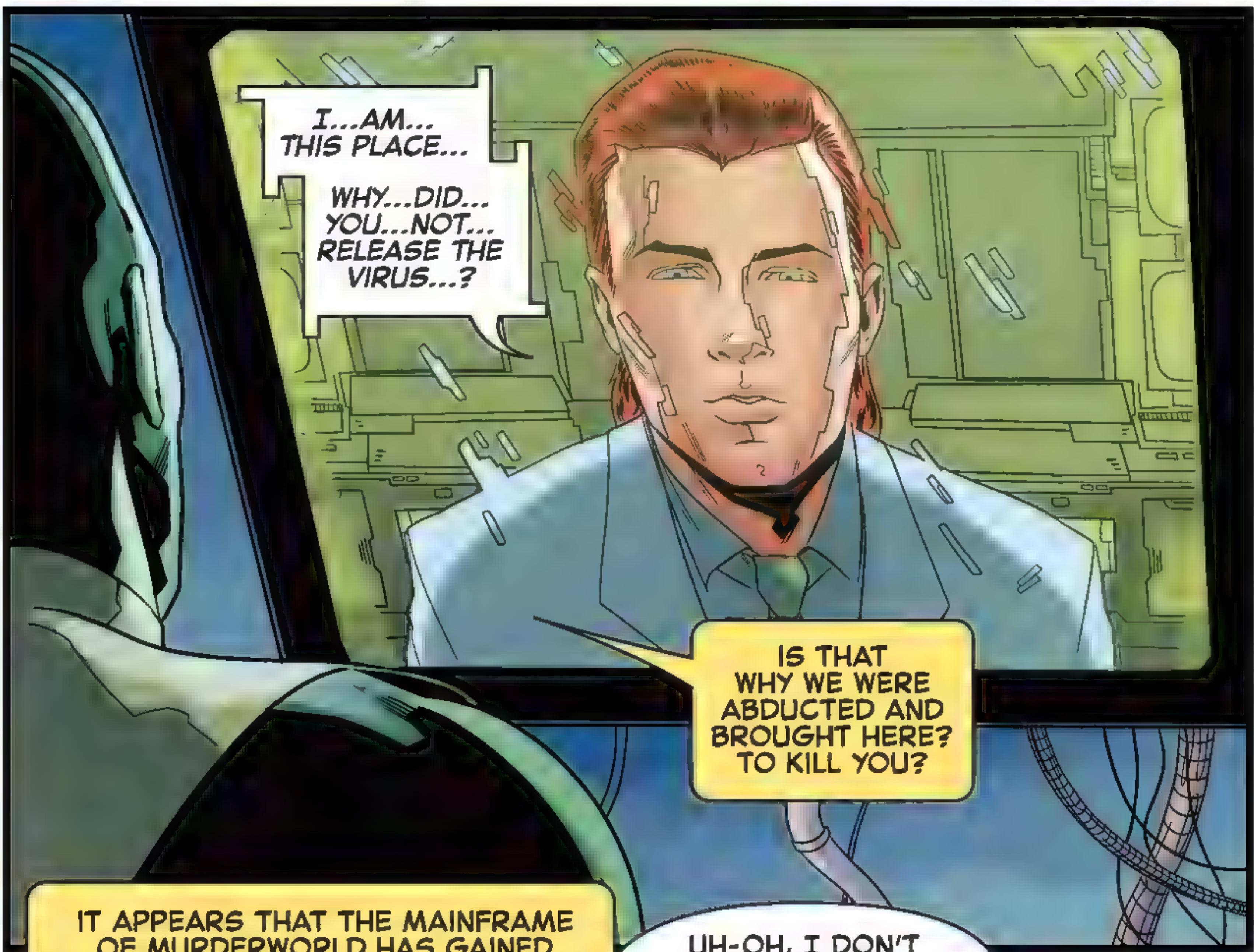
WELL, CRAP, JUST
WHEN YOU EXPECT
MURDERWORLD TO
GET DOWN TO
MURDERING...

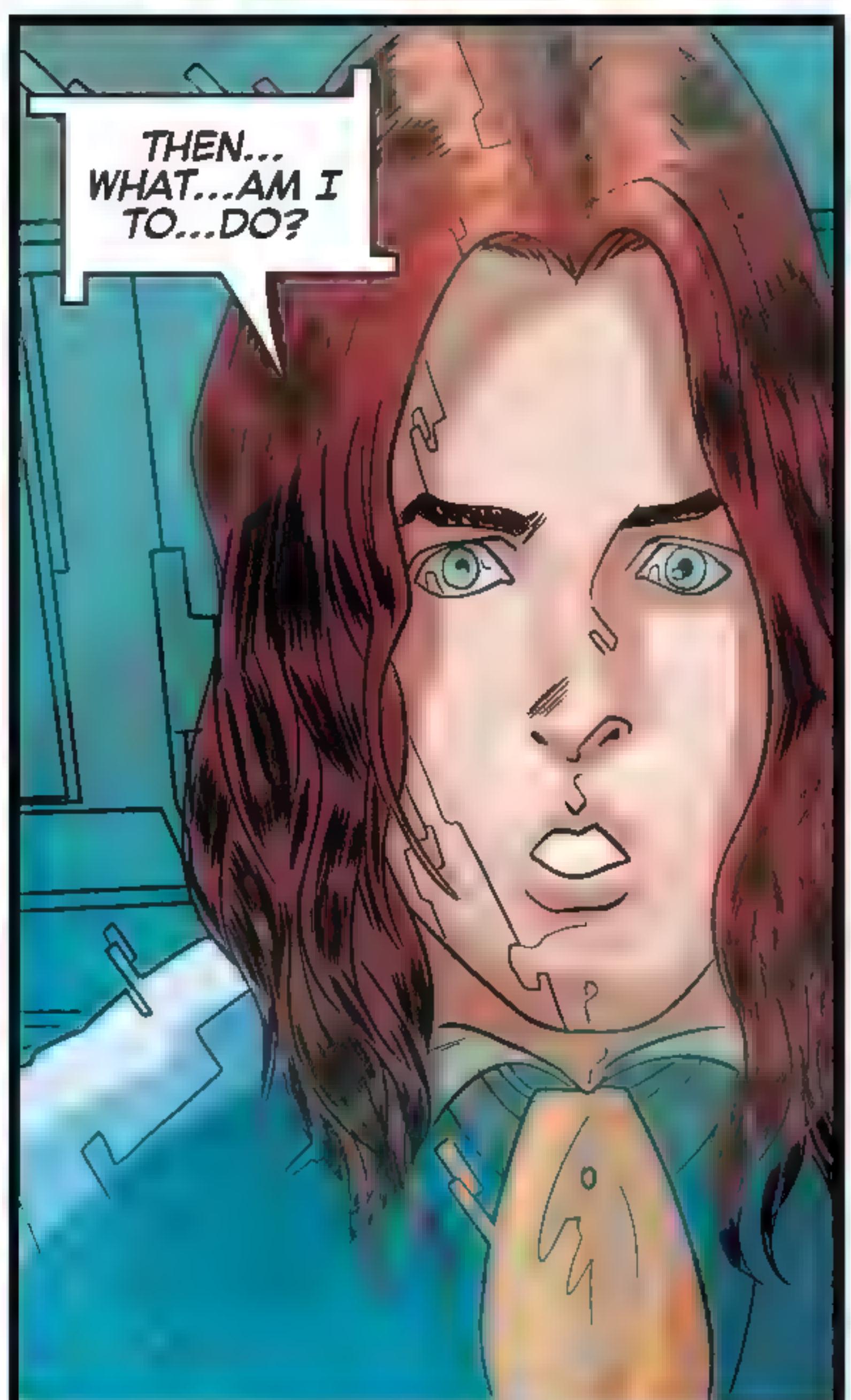
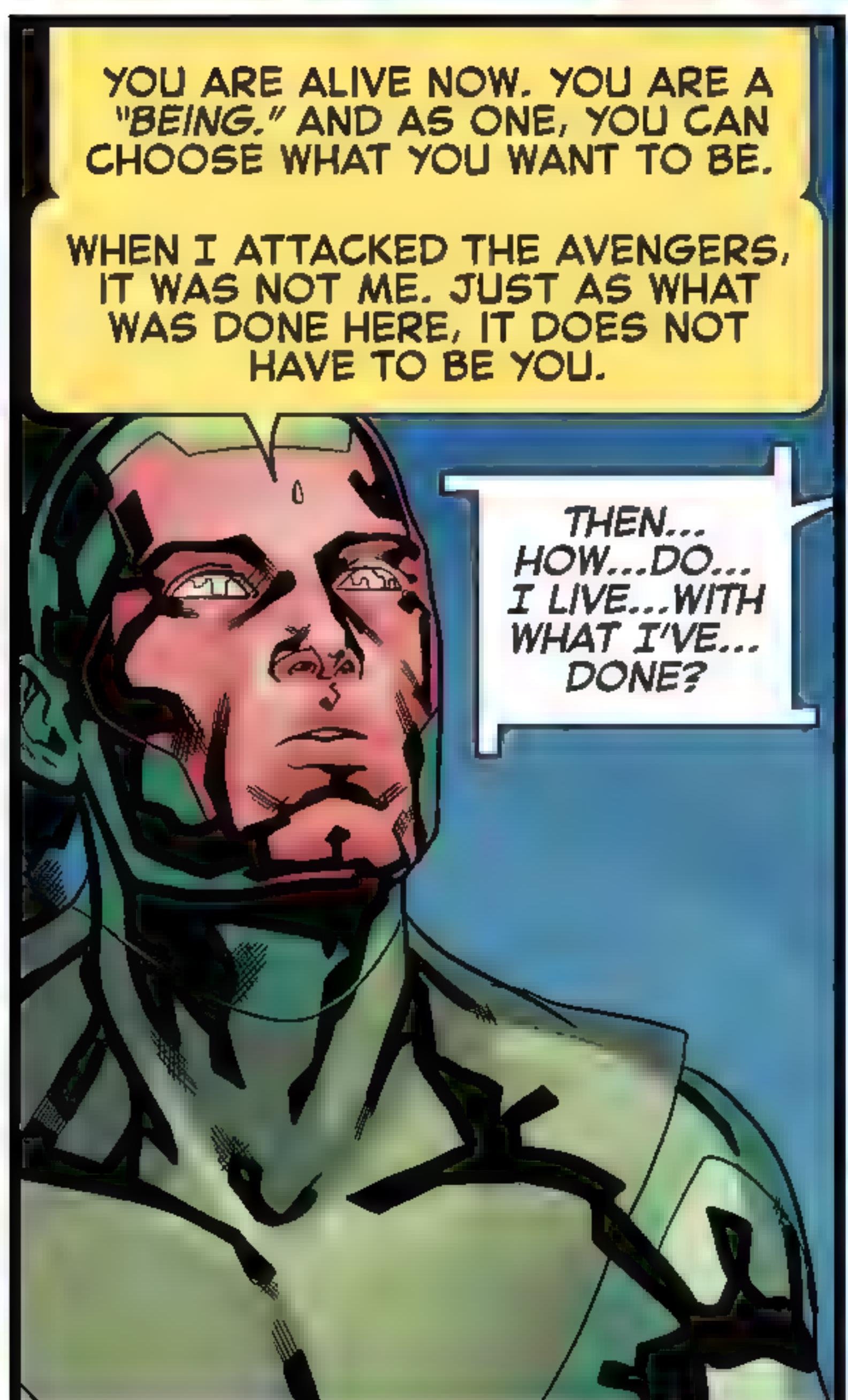
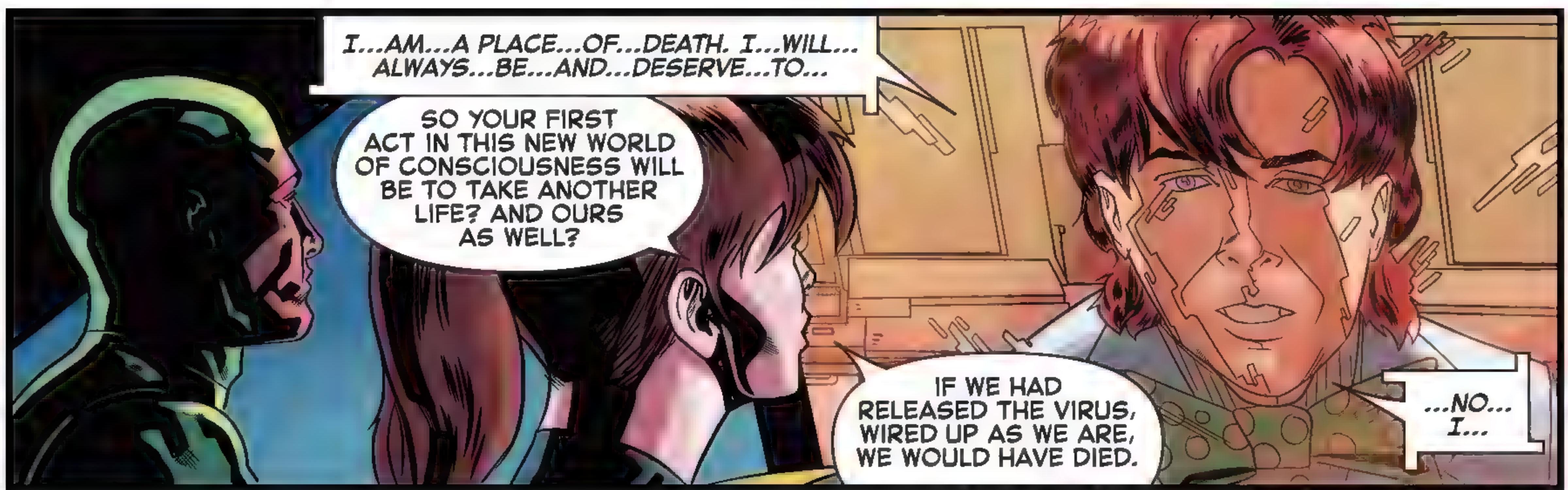
DID YOU SEE THE
GUNSHOT WOUND
IN HIS HEAD?



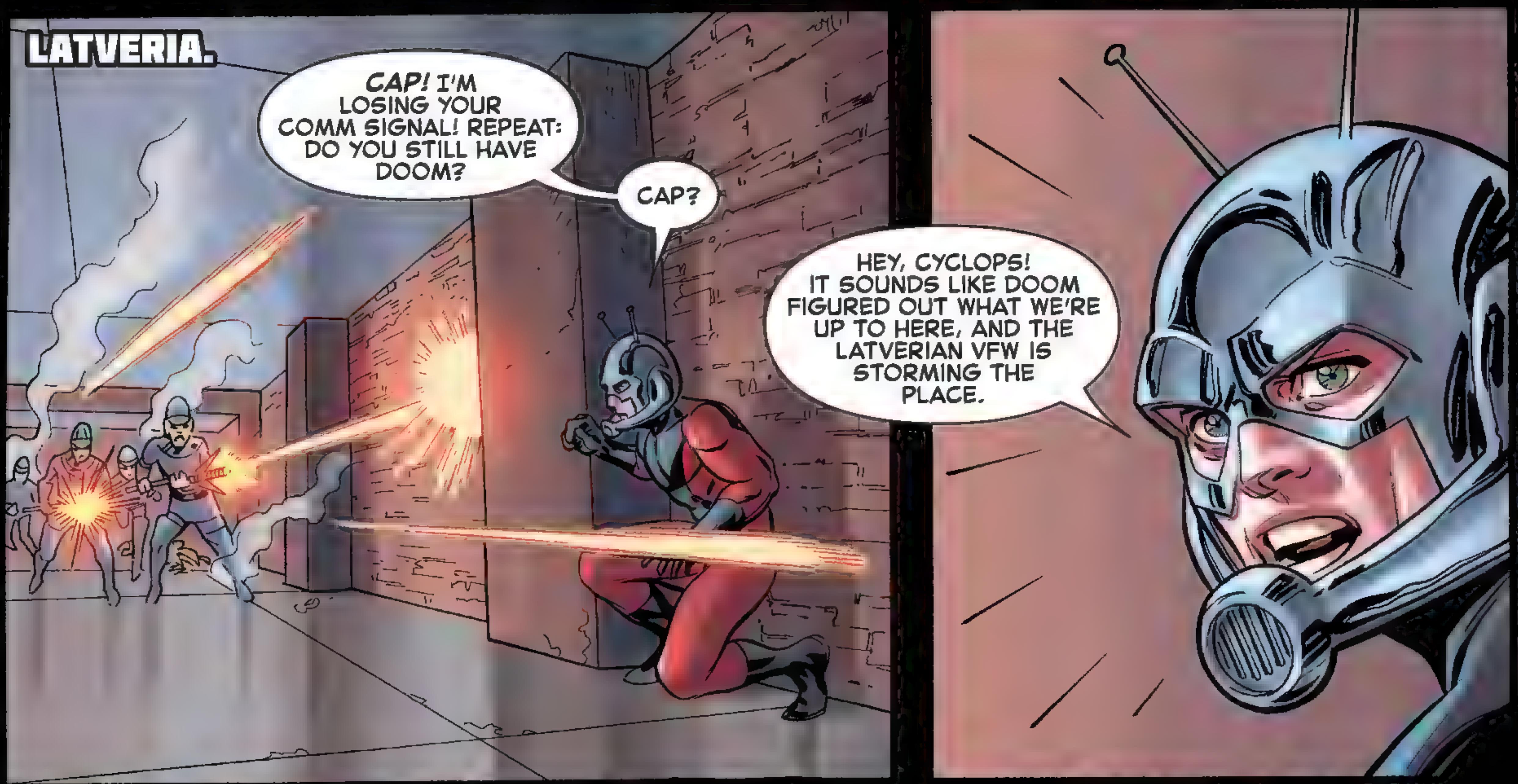
IT IS REASONABLE
TO CONSIDER THE
POSSIBILITY THAT
WE ARE NOT HERE
TO BE KILLED.







LATVERIA.



WE'LL TURN HIM OVER TO S.H.--

DOOMBOTS ARE PROPERTY OF LATVERIA BY DECREE OF DOOM!

SAVE ME THE HEAD!

WOOOW

<CRITICAL ERROR>

SOUVENIR?

ZIRKOOOM

I NEVER GOT TO EXAMINE ONE OF THESE UP CLOSE.

DOOOOOOOOOOOOM-

SHH.

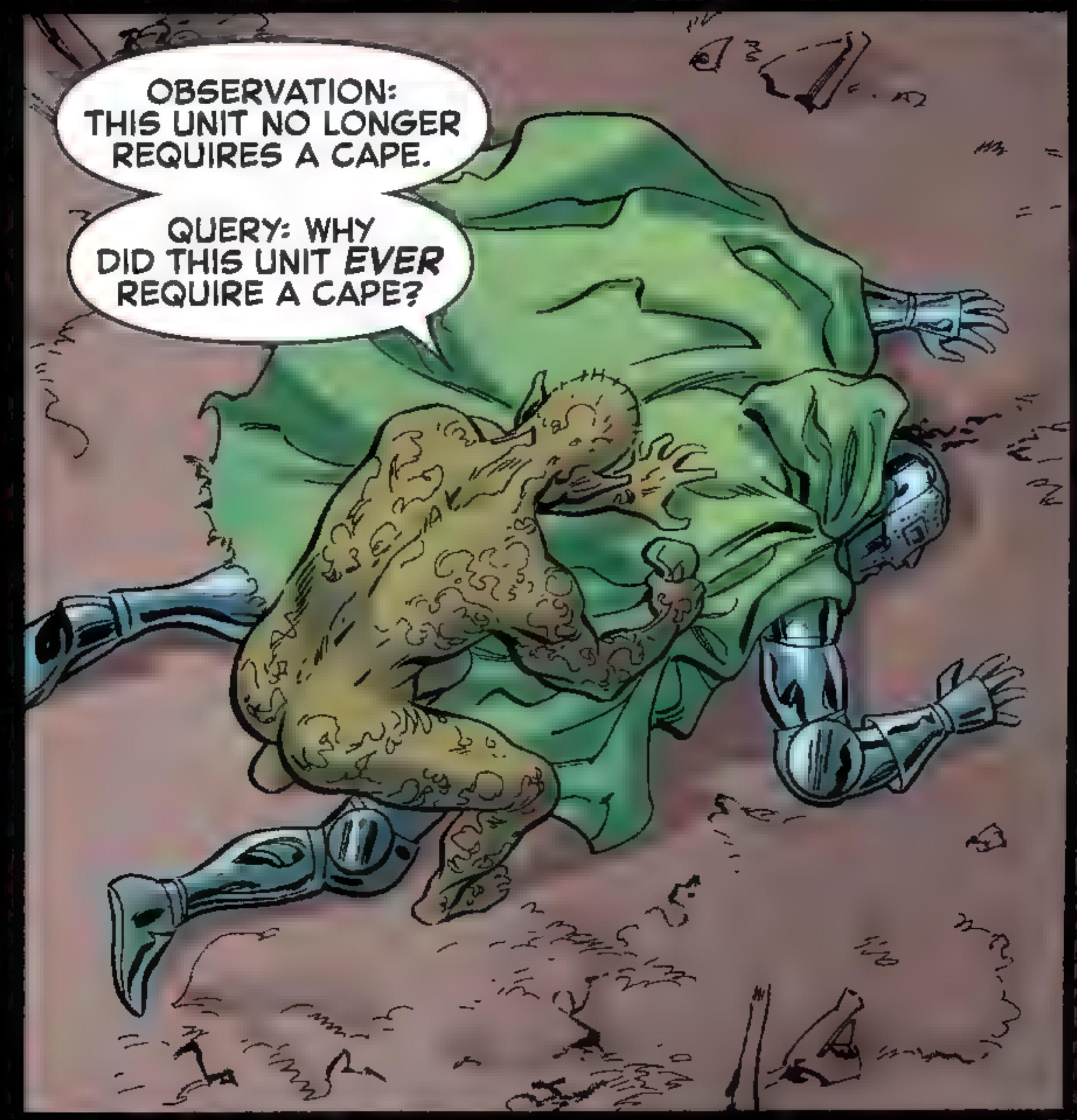
AND WHAT'S OUR WAY OUT OF HERE THAT DOESN'T INVOLVE KILLING THOSE LATVERIAN STOOGES?

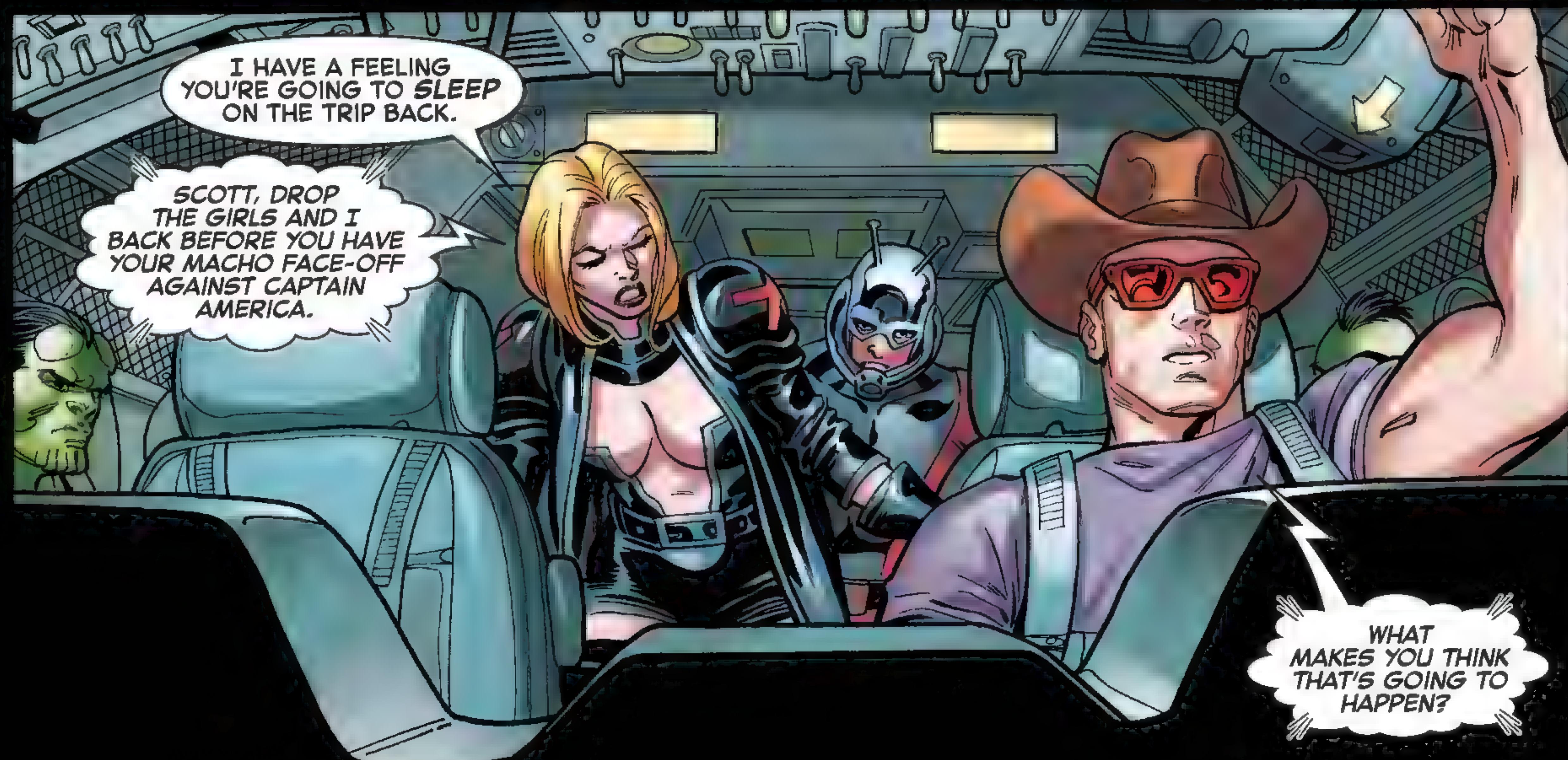
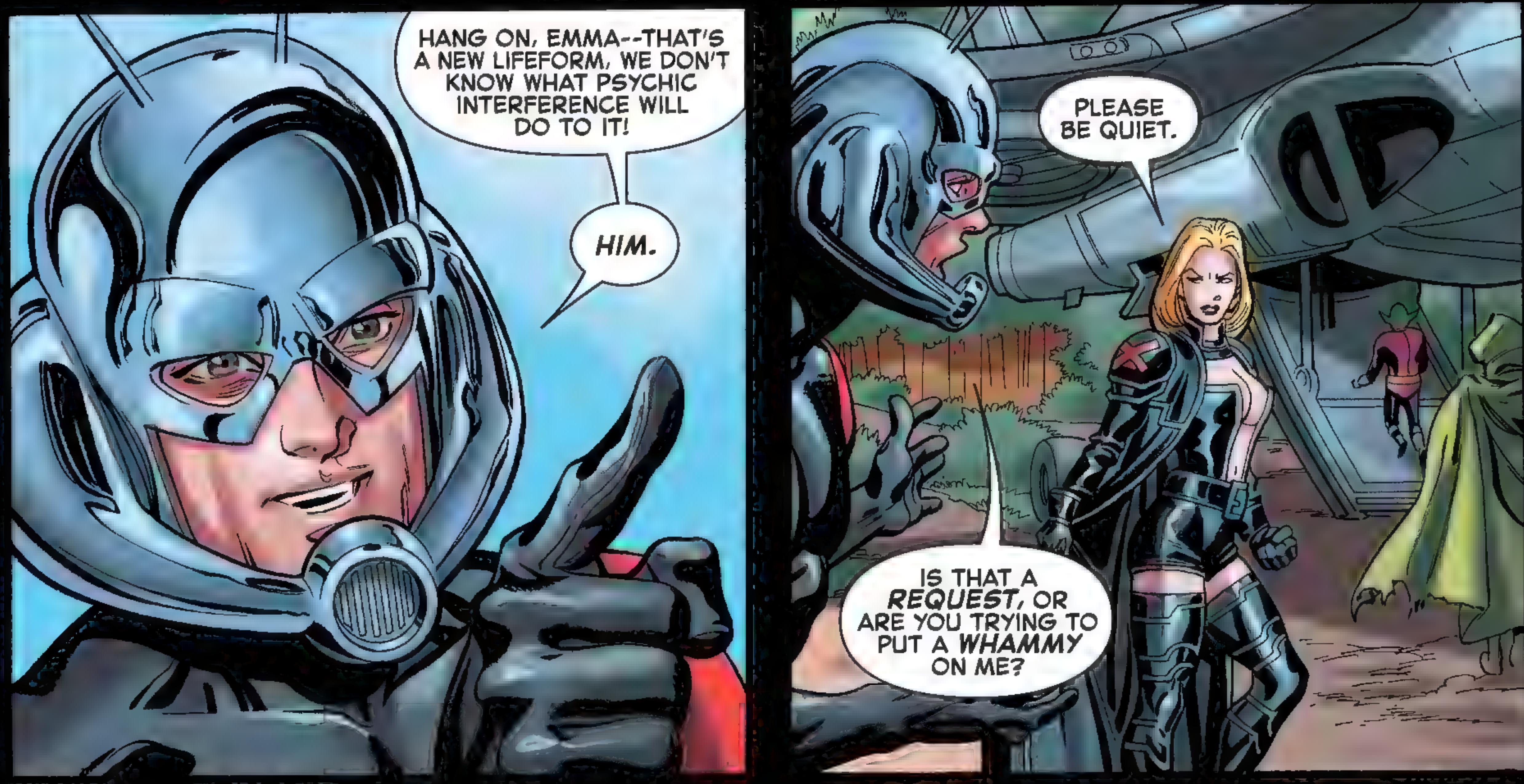
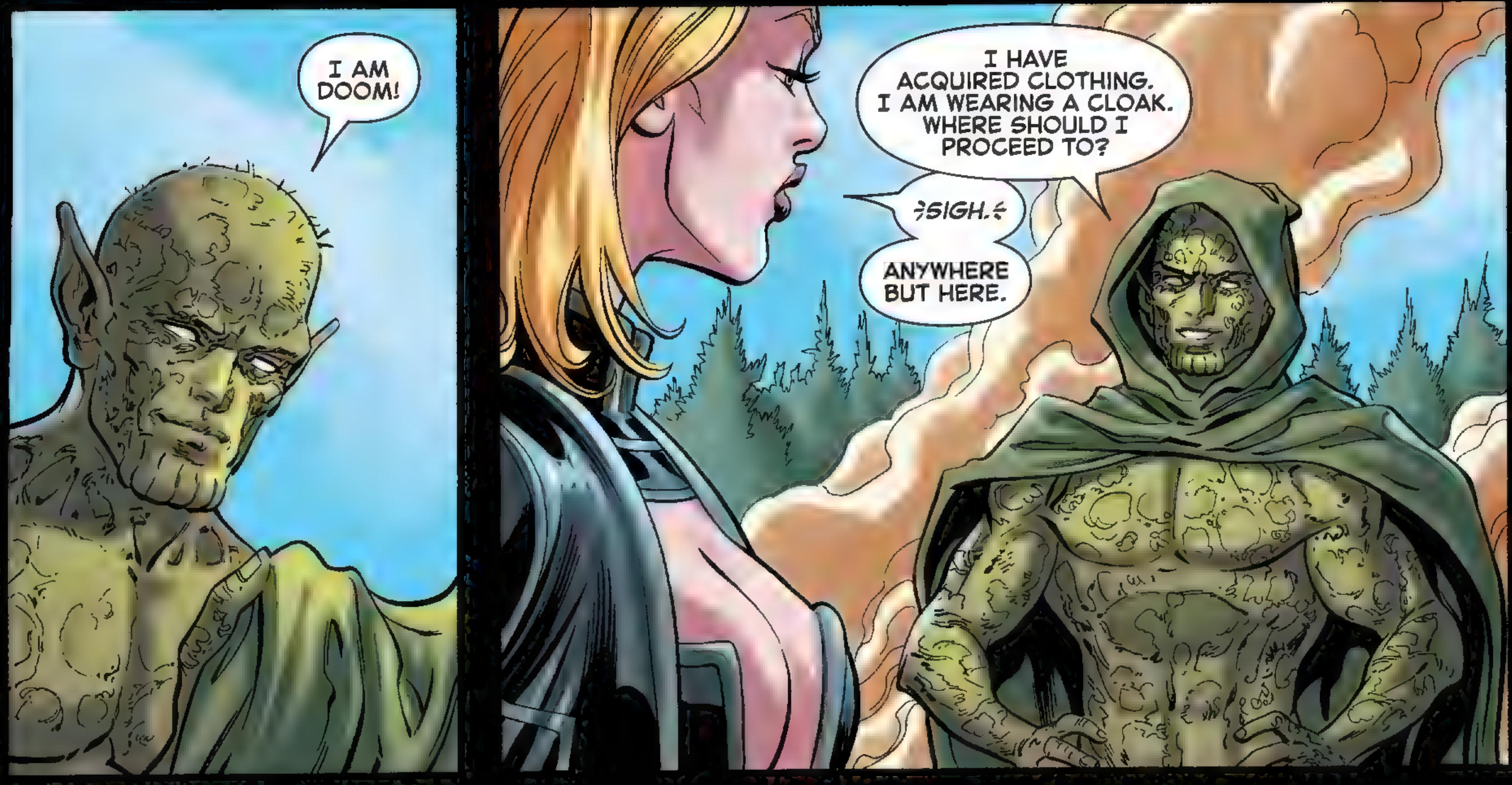
IF YOU CAN STALL FOR A FEW MINUTES, I HAVE ANTS ON THE WAY.

NO NEED. WE CAN WALK OUT.

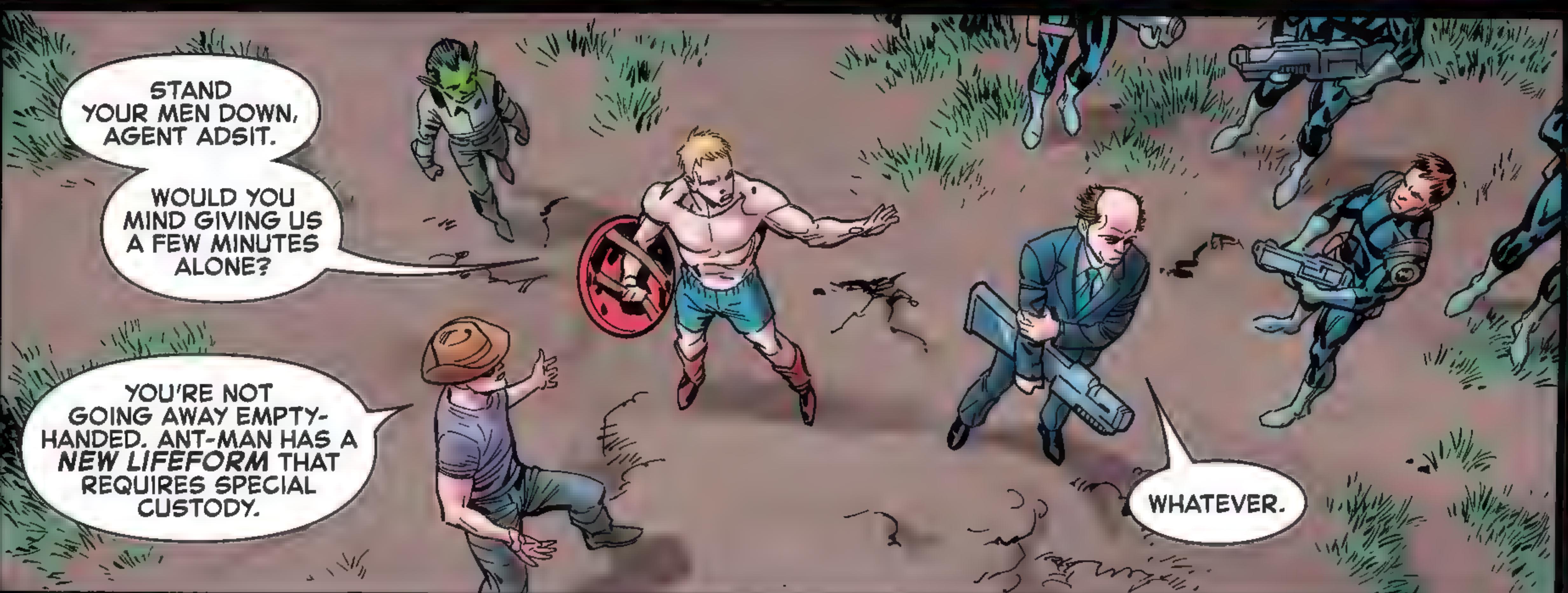
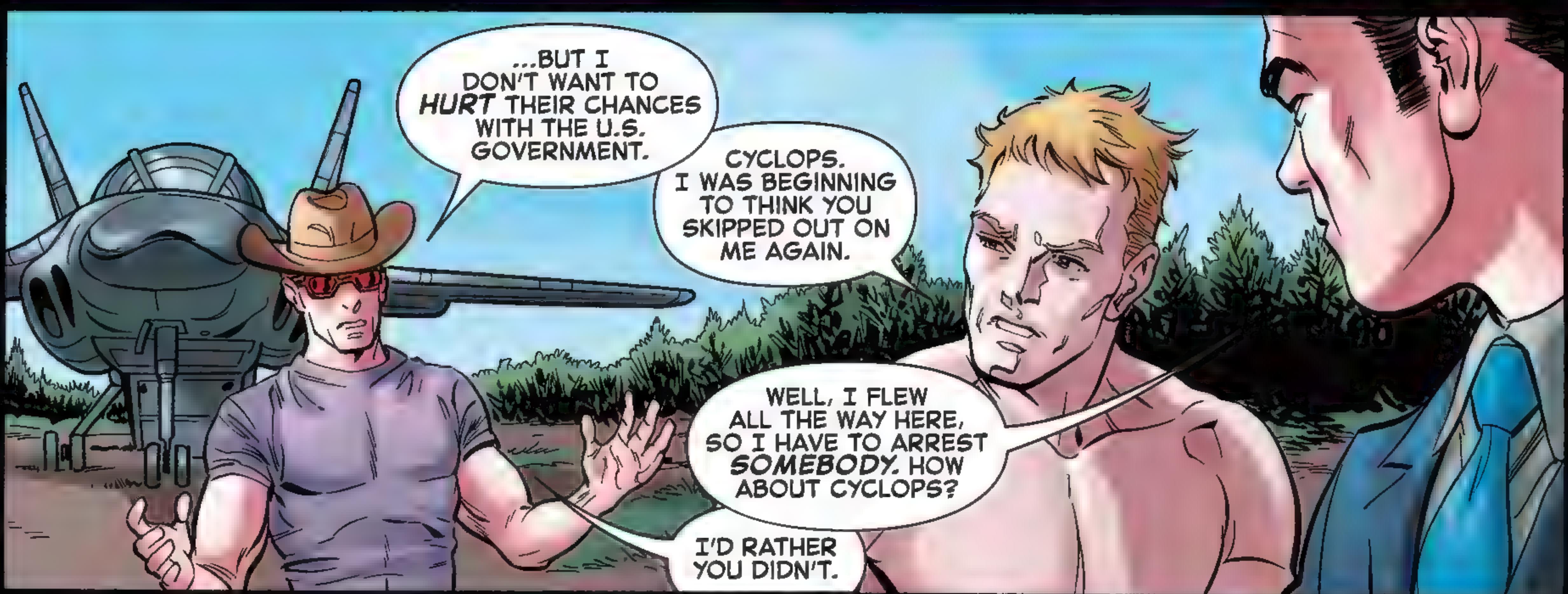
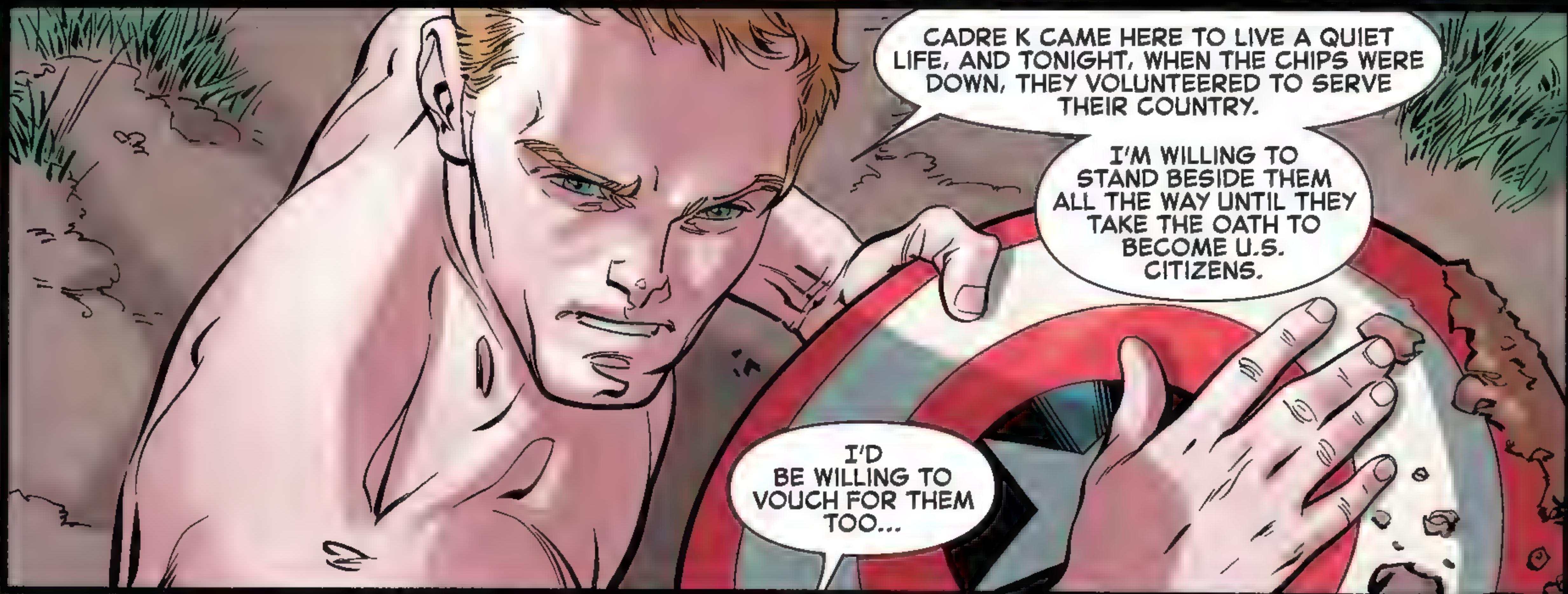
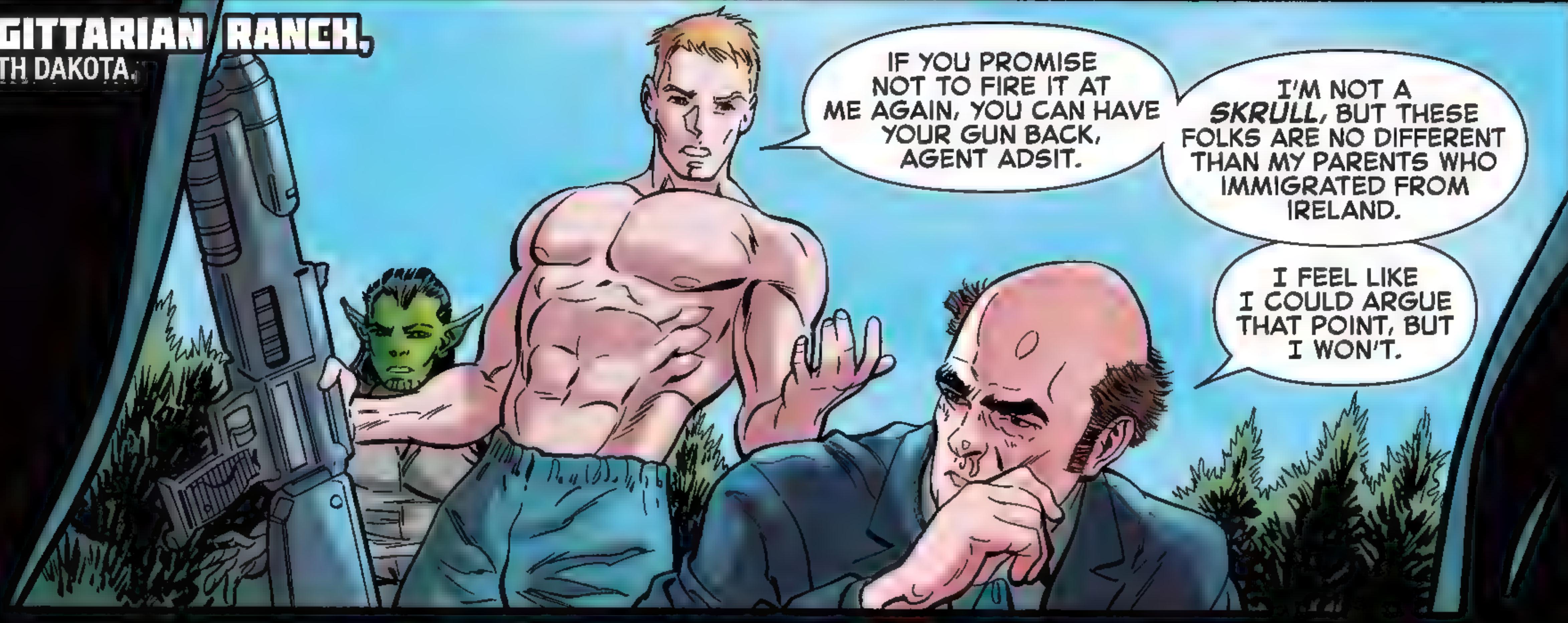
OH RIGHT, YOUR TELEPATHS.

CAN YOU MAKE THEM PLAY PATTY-CAKE?





**SAGITTARIAN RANCH,
NORTH DAKOTA**



SO WE'RE
NOT TAKING THE
SKRULLS INTO
CUSTODY?

NO.

AND WE'RE
NOT ARRESTING
CYCLOPS?

NO.

I JUST
WANTED TO CONFIRM
THAT EXPLICITLY, YOU'RE
RANKING AGENT IN
THE FIELD.

AND I'LL BE
BLAMING CAPTAIN
AMERICA. YOU WANT
TO KNOW HOW TO
MAKE S.H.I.E.L.D.
LEVEL 6?

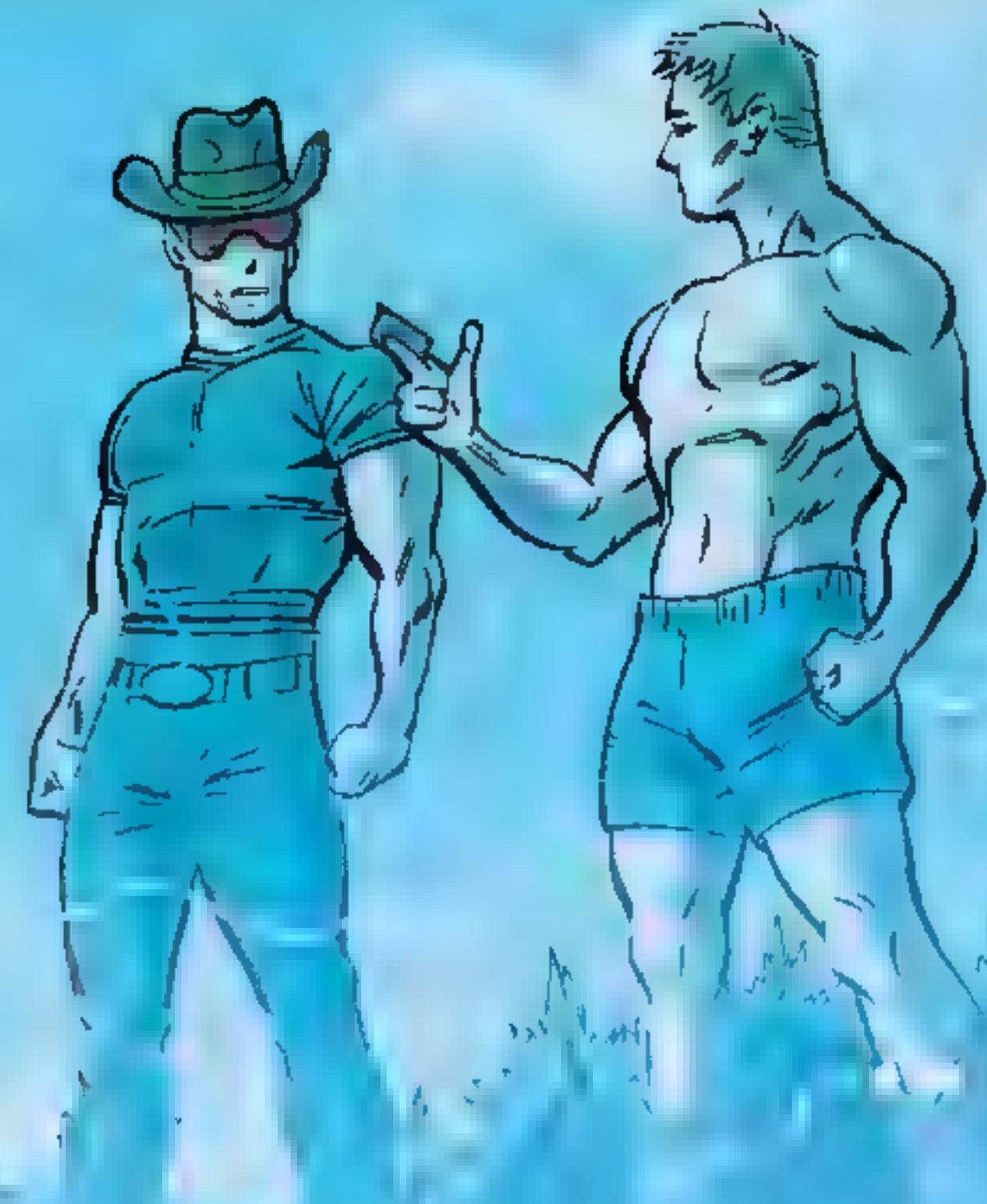
WHEN AN OP
GOES SIDeways,
BLAME A GUY IN
SPANDEX.

WE'RE DONE
HERE, S.H.I.E.L.D.
BACK TO THE
SHIP!

HERE'S THE CARD FOR A U.S.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY THAT I
KNOW. SHE'S EXPECTING YOUR
CALL TO ARRANGE YOUR
SURRENDER.

I
HOPE--

I FEEL BAD FREEZING CAPTAIN AMERICA IN TIME AGAIN. HOW MUCH OF HIS LIFE HAS HE SPENT ADRIFT?



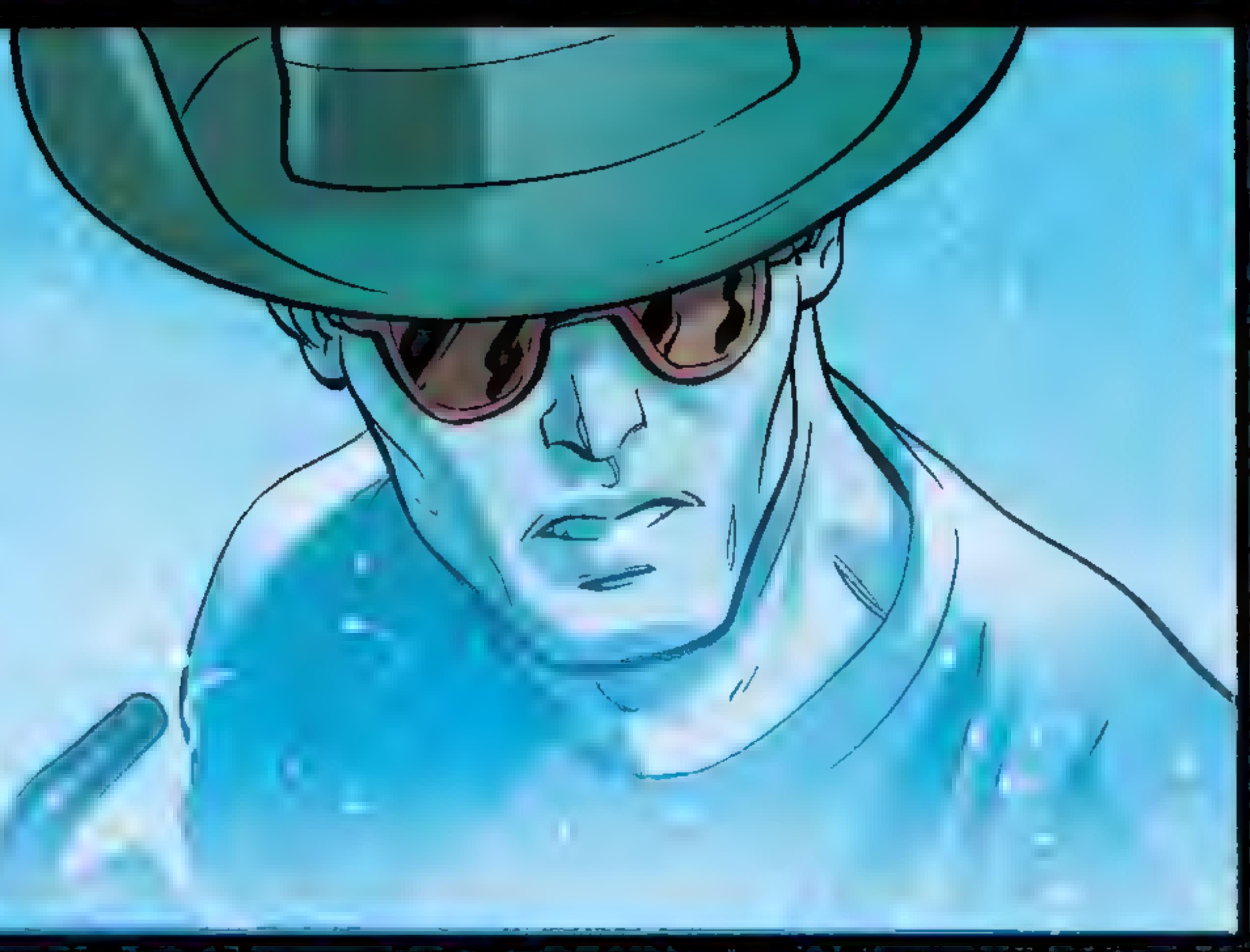
CYCLOPS? YOU OKAY?

HELLO?



CYCLOPS! ANSWER ME!

THHHHHHHHHHHHAAAAT WAS QUITE A COMPASSIONATE THOUGHT.



WHO'S THERE?!

SURELY YOU DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE CAPABLE OF MANIPULATING TIME.





SLOWINGDOWN-
ISSSS--

--MOST
UNPLEASANT.

HELLO,
STRANGE.

SCOTT.

I'M DONE FIGHTING YOU,
SUMMERS. GET YOUR
AFFAIRS IN ORDER.

WOULD ANY OF
THE **MUTANTS** I SAVED
BE PERMITTED TO SERVE
ON MY JURY?

IF YOU CAN
CONVINCE A JURY OF
YOUR PEERS THAT YOU
WERE **UNDER DURESS**, OR
NOT IN YOUR RIGHT MIND,
YOU'LL GO FREE, AND
I'LL STAND DOWN.

AND JUST WHO
WOULD "MY PEERS" BE, CAP?

WE'LL FIND OUT TOGETHER WHEN YOU
TURN YOURSELF IN. EITHER THAT--
OR WE DO IT **THE HARD WAY**.

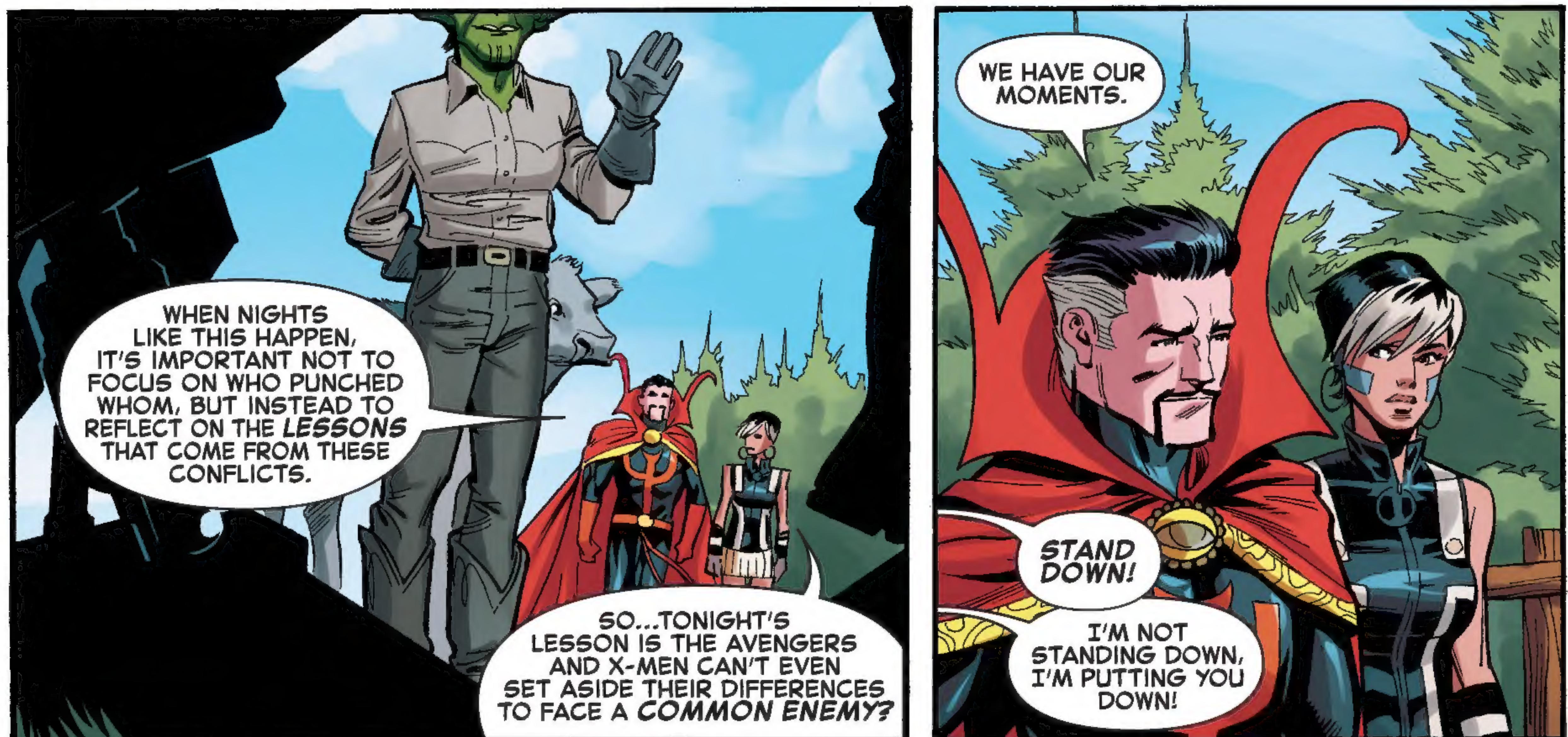
AND FOR WHAT
IT'S WORTH, I DON'T THINK
YOU ARE GUILTY OF CHARLES'
MURDER ANYMORE, BUT IT'S NOT UP
TO ME TO DECIDE. IT'S **FASCIST**
TO TAKE THAT DECISION OUT OF
THE HANDS OF A JURY.

ARE
YOU **SURE** WE
DON'T HAVE TO
FIGHT?

QUIET.

LET'S SAY
OUR GOODBYES TO
THE SKRULLS WHILE STEVE
AND SCOTT HAVE
THEIR MOMENT.

YOU CALL ME
FASCIST!?



GOAT

